

- (5) Weaving, processing and garment machinery, which are covered under TUFS, have been extended the facility of accelerated depreciation at the rate of 50%.
- (6) National Institute for Fashion Technology (NIFT), its six branches and Apparel Training & Design Centres (ATDCs) are running various courses/programmes to meet skilled manpower requirements of textile industry especially apparel in the field of design, merchandising and marketing.
- (7) The import of a large number of garment machinery has been allowed under concessional custom duty of 5%.
- (8) To prepare and sensitise our textile and garment industry to conform to the ecological requirements of importing countries by providing facilities by way of eco-testing laboratories.

**Setting up a separate yarn depot in Sircilla, A.P.**

1170. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Textile Corporation has set up a separate yarn depot in Sircilla in Karimnagar in Andhra Pradesh in order to ensure timely supply of cotton yarn for the powerloom weavers;
- (b) if so, whether Government propose to open more such yarn depots in the State; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Cotton purchase scheme for next Five Years**

† 1171. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.